

The Weekly Ledger.

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THURSDAY, JULY 8.

TIMES would not be so hard to some people if they would go to work and earn an honest living.

HON. A. L. LEBLANC, Secretary of State, will probably be a candidate for governor of Missouri.

THE streets of Mexico are going to be continuously and materially improved and without bonding the city.

It pays to advertise during July. If you want your advertising to be profitable you should keep everlastingly at it.

THE streets in the business portion of Mexico are going to be paved with brick, and the city is not going to be bonded either.

The special envoy of the Sultan of Morocco to the jubilee festivities in London has gone insane. The liquor in London is rather strong.

BALD College, Clinton, Mo., has been leased to Prof. F. D. Feeler for three years. Prof. and Mrs. H. T. Bahr have been relieved from active school work.

THE curse of this country is the calamity—howling peanut politician. He is too lazy to work and spends his time in trying to make those who want to work dissatisfied.

THE latest Charlie Rose rumor is that he was murdered after the men who stole him had been killed. Sixteen years ago the skeleton was found and buried by his family.

THE Mexico Ledger has been under the present management for twenty-one years. How many papers in Missouri are there which have been under the same management for that length of time?

THE Mexico Fair premium list, as published in the Mexico Ledger, should be closely read by the people of Audrain county. All of our people are interested in the success of this enterprise.

THE Fourth of July picnic at Ladonia, Mo., was, as usual, a splendid success in every sense of the word. Ladonia is one of Missouri's most enterprising little cities and never does things by halves.

FARMERS in Kansas are still offering \$2 a day for harvest hands. This is no inducement to calamity howlers, who are prowling through the country endeavoring to create dissatisfaction and trying to overthrow our institutions.

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TELEGRAMS from Kansas state that tramps are refusing to work in the harvest field at \$2 a day. The poor tramp claims to be a night worker of hard times. He is too lazy to work and afraid to steal. He is the result of inborn cunningness. Five dollars a day would be no inducement for him to work. Farmers' wives who are annoyed by such vagabonds should administer a good whipping instead of kind words. Why a farmer who offers \$2 a day to a tramp for work is a plutocrat and his barn should be burned down and his house destroyed.

CHARGED With Hog Stealing. CENTRALIA, Mo., July 6.—This community was shocked last night by the arrest of Ed. Rowlands and his brother, Charles, two young farmers of this vicinity, on a charge of stealing ten head of fat hogs from Judge J. M. Angell, a farmer, living about 8 miles from the Rowlands brothers' farm. Angell missed his hogs and tracked them to a pasture near Rowlands. Defendants are industrious young farmers, and their standing in this community has been good.

As Told By Cole Younger.

THE FAMOUS NORTHFIELD BANK ROBBERY FIGHT DESCRIBED.

The Life of at Least One Citizen Saved—How Miller Was Shot and Killed—The Wounding of Bob—Cashier Heywood's Death—Pardons Expected.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 3.—That the State board of pardons at its meeting July 12 will pardon the Younger brothers who, with Frank and Jesse James, robbed the Northfield bank in 1876, and are serving life sentences in the Minnesota penitentiary, many now believe.

Cole Younger to day issued a long statement concerning the robbery. After telling how the gang reached Northfield, having planned the raid, he said:

"Just at this time some across the street shouted 'Robbers in the bank.' I jumped into my saddle and fired my pistol into the air to let those at the bridge know that the alarm was given. At this moment a man came up to the bank and then started to run away, whereupon Miller drew his pistol down on him and cried out: 'Stop or I'll kill you.' The man halted, but soon began to move off slowly and, seeing that Miller intended to shoot him, I called out: 'Don't shoot him. Let him go.' The man meanwhile running off down the sidewalk. As this happened the three men left at the bridge entered the street on a full run. Stiles, as he is called, met the man whom Miller had permitted to go and commanded him to stop, threatening to shoot him if he did not. I shouted to Stiles to let the man go and not to shoot him, whereupon Stiles and the man on the buckskin horse passed on up the street 50 or 100 yards south of the bank, Jim stopping in front of the bank.

LIVELY TIMES IN THE TOWN.

"Jumping on my horse, I rode to the back door and told the boys to hasten out, as the alarm was given, and I thought the citizens were armed. In the meantime Miller was running out of sight. This man, I think, Dr. Wheeler. I then fired into the corner of the building on Bridge square to frighten the people away from our horses and they ran around the corner out of sight.

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ty, Mo., January 15, 1844, his father being a farmer, the father of fourteen children. He attended a country school at first. In 1858 the family moved to Harrisonville, Mo., and the father took a mail contract. In 1862 he was killed by "red legs" from Kansas because he sought the recovery of stolen mail wagons and stages. The murder occurred near Westport, Mo. The "red legs" missed \$200 and went to the Younger home and hanged a negro and Jim until they were nearly dead to make them give it up. Cole then became a Confederate soldier and returned home in 1867. In 1868 he went to Texas and became a horse and cattle trader. In 1873 he and his brothers were accused of an Iowa train robbery, though at the time they were at church at Monongah Springs, Mo. They were connected unjustly with other robberies in Missouri and elsewhere. They were afraid to surrender for fear of lynching. Then John was killed by an officer to whom he wanted to surrender and Cole and Bob went to Florida and Jim to California, but they were hunted everywhere and finally went into the Northfield bank robbery in sheer desperation. They were in prison and the first Blue Cut train robbery occurred.

NOT A CANDIDATE NOW.

Secretary of State Lesueur Says That There is Plenty of Time After 1898.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 6.—Secretary of State Lesueur was asked to day if he had seen the announcement of the Kansas City Times that his friends intended to make him a candidate for Governor, and if he desired to say anything in connection therewith:

"Yes," said the Secretary, "I wish to say that the announcement was entirely unauthorized by me. While I thank my good friends for their intention, and the Times for their publication, I am not a candidate for Governor, either actively or passively. In this I am absolutely sincere, as I depend on my conscience for a candidly for office, and believe that a man is a candidate he should frankly say so. There is still plenty of time to consider the matter of the Governorship."

Let us first deliberate upon the men and measures which are to win for a victory in 1898—regain control of the lower house of Congress and office the way for victory in 1900 under the leadership of the pure and matchless Bryan. In this behalf I wish briefly to express my opinion, and that is a dissent from the recently expressed views of Governor Boies. No republican who is standing on the Chicago platform. The defeat we met with in 1896 was in many ways a victory. Our contention then is now confirmed by every day's events. Overwhelmed by the brutal force of money, millions of Americans who moved to its power before now condemn themselves for so doing and are ready to vindicate their manhood at the polls by voting their true sentiments."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness, sick and bilious headache, dizziness, constiveness, or constipation of the bowels, loss of appetite, costiveness, indigestion or dyspepsia, sour stomach, windy belching, heartburn, pain and distress after eating and kindred derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels.

MISSOURI CROPS.

Considerable Improvement in the Last Month—The Wheat Yield.

COLUMBIA, Mo., July 3.—An advance summary of the monthly Missouri crop report for June was obtained here to-day from Colonel J. B. Rippey, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. The report is to some extent encouraging and shows considerable improvement in crop prospects during the last month. The acreage sown to wheat last fall was estimated at 1,300,000 acres, 31 per cent of which was reported plowed up, leaving an area to be harvested at about 940,000 acres. The yield per acre is placed at 10 bushels, or a total for the State of 9,400,000 bushels. In some localities the plant suffered but little, and the yield will be fully up to the average, while in others, not distant, the crop will scarcely pay for harvesting. Wheat condition for July was estimated at 65 per cent, for May 62, for June 53 and July 1 at 64 per cent of an average crop. The decline noted June 1 was occasioned by unusually cool weather for May.

Missouri Press Association.

Dyer's News Letter, of St. Louis, says: "The Missouri editors last week, in their session here, had the most pleasant time in the history of their association and especially enjoyed meeting the members of the Missouri news association. Of course, R. M. White, of the Mexico Ledger, was here. Bob has never been known to miss one of these occasions, and he is a large part of the life of all of them. He has a keen eye, and is going to be just like him. Mr. White is one of the most thorough-going newspaper men in the West, intelligent and broad-gauged, and publishes one of the best papers to be found in Missouri. He is one of the good fellows, and is blessed by one of the most charming of wives, who generally accompanies him on his trips, and who does a great deal toward the entertainment of the others of the party."

And still the Cracker-Jack road wagon is in the lead.

FERRIS & CAUTHORN, Agents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Head, of Centuria, are the guests of the Misses Karnes.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

An entire business block at Prescott, Ark., was destroyed by fire.

A fire at Batesville, destroyed 12 buildings, including residences and stores.

Muslinian rioters in Calcutta have been subdued by the police and troops.

There is no certainty that the tariff bill will be passed this week, though it is probable.

Pit McGrew, who killed his wife at Fort Worth, was captured 100 miles north of that city.

The House under the inspiring influence of Tom Reed adjourned without doing anything.

Official dispatches to the Spanish Government state that the Philippine Islands are pacified.

The floods in France have destroyed lives and property. Fourteen bodies have been recovered.

The heat has caused three deaths and many prostrations at Cleveland, O., in the last two days.

The National Democratic Clubs in and around Washington celebrated the Fourth with a big rally.

A British land grabbing expedition was defeated on the coast of three islands in the Solomon group.

The Agricultural Department's experiment on exporting butter has proved to be a decided success.

J. S. Cuthbert, of Cleveland, fell from the Observatory at Denver, 125 feet. His body was crushed to a pulp.

Evanston life savers captured a runaway balloon in Lake Michigan and are now awaiting the owner.

Henry B. Stone, former president of a leading railroad, was killed by a bomb while celebrating the Fourth.

Rapid progress has lately been made in improving the defenses of the National Capital against sea attack.

The secretary of the Japanese Legation says that the Minister has had no quarrel with Secretary Sherman.

Tammany celebrated the Fourth with an enthusiastic meeting, which developed into a Bryan demonstration.

It is denied that McKinley sent anything but a very polite note to Great Britain concerning the Behring Sea contention.

The flag which is usually taken down at the White House when the President is absent was run up yesterday in honor of the Fourth.

The Agricultural Department after long experiments with lawn grasses has decided that the best lawn is the finest lawn grass known.

American marines avenge an indignity by shooting a girl in Honolulu, and the commanding general is being nearly a Japanese man-of-war's man ready to death.

Saturday's Races. Centrals will have a big race day next Saturday, June 10. Following is the programme:

FORENOON. A match game of ball at 10 o'clock between two of the best teams in North Missouri.

AFTERNOON RACES. Half mile running race, three mares; first, \$10; second, \$7.50; third, \$2.10.

Half mile bicycle race for boys under 15 years, two mares; first, \$1.50; second, 75 cents; third, 50 cents.

Best saddle mare or gelding, age considered, two mares; first, \$12.50; second, \$7.50.

Half mile bicycle handicap, two mares; first, \$2; second, \$1. A \$5 mile running race, three mares; first, \$10; second, \$7.50; third, \$2.50.

One mile bicycle handicap, two mares; first, \$3.50; second, \$1.50. No entrance fee charged in bicycle races.

In the horse ring and races there will be a throng to enter and two to start. Ten per cent of premiums entrance fee charged.

Races will commence at 2 o'clock sharp. Everybody invited.

W. L. Green, horse ring manager. J. K. Pool, secretary.

Strengthen the digestion, regulate the liver and purify the bowels if you would have health. To keep these organs healthy and vigorous is the special province of PRICKLY ASH BRYAN'S.

It acts directly on the affected organ, going right to the seat of the trouble and driving all impurities and disease germs from the system. PARKLEY ASH BRYAN'S is a thorough system tonic. Heals the kidneys, strengthens and regulates the liver, stomach and bowels, and so fortifies the body that it can successfully resist malaria or other diseases that may be prevalent.

Sold by C. A. BUCKNER.

Boone County Storm Damage. A press dispatch from Columbia says that during last week Boone county was visited by the worst storm in its history. From all parts of the county come reports of damage done.

At Ashland the residence of J. S. Storde narrowly escaped being entirely demolished; a huge oak tree fell upon the house and the roof was torn to pieces by the projecting limbs.

John Bailey, who lives near Ashland, collected during the storm a pair of halibuts as large as walnuts.

At Centuria the barn and other outbuildings at the home of A. Elien were almost destroyed. At Sturgeon the citizens spent many hours in their cellars during the storm.

The roof was torn from the store of J. M. Proctor & Co., and other buildings were injured. William Robertson was stunned by lightning. Among those who had stock killed by lightning was A. H. Shepard, of Columbia. Three of his finest horses were killed by a single bolt.

Out Here Throat With a Razor. LOUISIANA, Mo., July 5.—Mrs. Sarah Lewis, widow of Samuel J. Lewis, of St. Louis, committed suicide this afternoon at the residence of her father, Thomas Humphrey, by cutting her throat with a razor.

She arrived here from St. Louis yesterday. No cause is known for the act.

Mrs. Cunningham, of East Frontenac street, has received a letter from her son, Emmett, who is in South America, and he stated that he is doing well and will probably return about the first of the year.

Next Sunday is old people's day at the First Baptist Church in Mexico.

Premium List OF THE MEXICO FAIR To be held at Mexico, Mo., August 10, 11, 12, 13, 1897.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

JACKS.

1 Jack 3 years old and over... \$10.00 First. Second. Third. 2 Jack 2 years old and under... 10.00 6.00 4.00

3 Best jack any age... \$10.00 6.00 4.00

4 Best milk cow, any age and breed... \$15.00 10.00 5.00

5 Best bull any age... \$15.00 10.00 5.00

6 Best cow any age... \$15.00 10.00 5.00

7 Best span of males owned by exhibitor... \$10.00 6.00 4.00

8 Best harness stallion 3 years old and under 4... \$30.00 12.00 8.00

9 Best harness mare or gelding 2 years old and under 3... 30.00 12.00 8.00

10 Best harness mare or gelding 1 year old and under 2... 30.00 12.00 8.00

11 Best harness mare or gelding any age... 30.00 12.00 8.00

12 3:30 trot, stake... \$400.00

13 3-year-old or under for 2:30 class, purse... 300.00

14 Running 1/4 mile and repeat for horses owned in Audrain County 30 days before the race... 50.00

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26 Best bull any age or breed... \$15.00 10.00 5.00

27 Best cow any age or breed... \$15.00 10.00 5.00

28 Best herd consisting of bull and 4 females (his breed)... 15.00 10.00 5.00

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173 Blackberries... 1.00 231 Half dozen parsnips... 1.00
174 Cherries... 1.00 232 Dozen beets... 1.00
175 Currants... 1.00 233 Bushel turnips... 1.00
176 Gooseberries... 1.00 234 Dozen carrots... 1.00
177 Raspberries... 1.00 235 Three heads cauliflower... 1.00
178 Strawberries... 1.00 236 Fock onions... 1.00
179 Apples... 1.00 237 Dozen tomatoes... 1.00
180 Tomatoes... 1.00 238 Half dozen cabbages... 1.00
181 Peas... 1.00 239 Dozen salady... 1.00
182 Grapes... 1.00 240 Sample celery... 1.00
183 Quince... 1.00 241 Dozen egg plants... 1.00
184 Plums... 1.00 242 Best pair light Brahmas... \$1.00
185 Best display canned fruits... 3.00 243 Dark Brahmas... 1.00
186 KITCHEN AND DAIRY PRODUCTS. 244 Dark Cocks... 1.00
187 Wheat bread, salt rising... \$1.00 245 Black Cochins... 1.00
188 Wheat bread, hop rising... 1.00 246 Partridge Cochins... 1.00
189 Brown bread... 1.00 247 White Cochins... 1.00
190 Corn bread... 1.00 248 Plymouth Rocks... 1.00
191 Dozen best biscuits... 1.00 249 Dominiques... 1.00
192 Wheat bread, salt rising, by girl under 14... 1.00 250 Langshires... 1.00
193 Wheat bread, hop rising, by girl under 14... 1.00 251 American Sea Bright... 1.00
194 Found cake... 1.00 252 White Leghorns... 1.00
195 Sponge cake... 1.00 253 Houdans... 1.00
196 Fruit cake... 1.00 254 Brown Leghorns... 1.00
197 Coconut cake... 1.00 255 Black Spanish, W. F... 1.00
198 Lemon cake... 1.00 256 Black S. R. Game... 1.00
199 Pineapple cake... 1.00 257 Red Pyle Game... 1.00
200 Chocolate cake... 1.00 258 Yellow Duckwing Game... 1.00
201 Marble cake... 1.00 259 Bantams, any variety... 1.00
202 Caramel cake... 1.00 260 White Plymouth Rock... 1.00
203 Angel food cake... 1.00 261 Pair Bronze turkeys... \$1.00
204 Doughnuts... 1.00 262 Pair White Holland... 1.00
205 Oats by girl under 14... 1.00 263 Pair Tolouse geese... \$1.00
206 Collection apples... 1.00 264 Pair Embden geese... 1.00
207 Collection peaches... 1.00 265 Pair White China geese... 1.00
208 Dozen pears... 1.00 266 Pair Ducks... 1.00
209 Gallon plums... 1.00 267 Pair Roan ducks... \$1.00
210 Dozen quinces... 1.00 268 Pair Pekin ducks... 1.00
211 Display of grapes... 1.00 269 Pair Colored guinea... \$1.00
212 Pe